

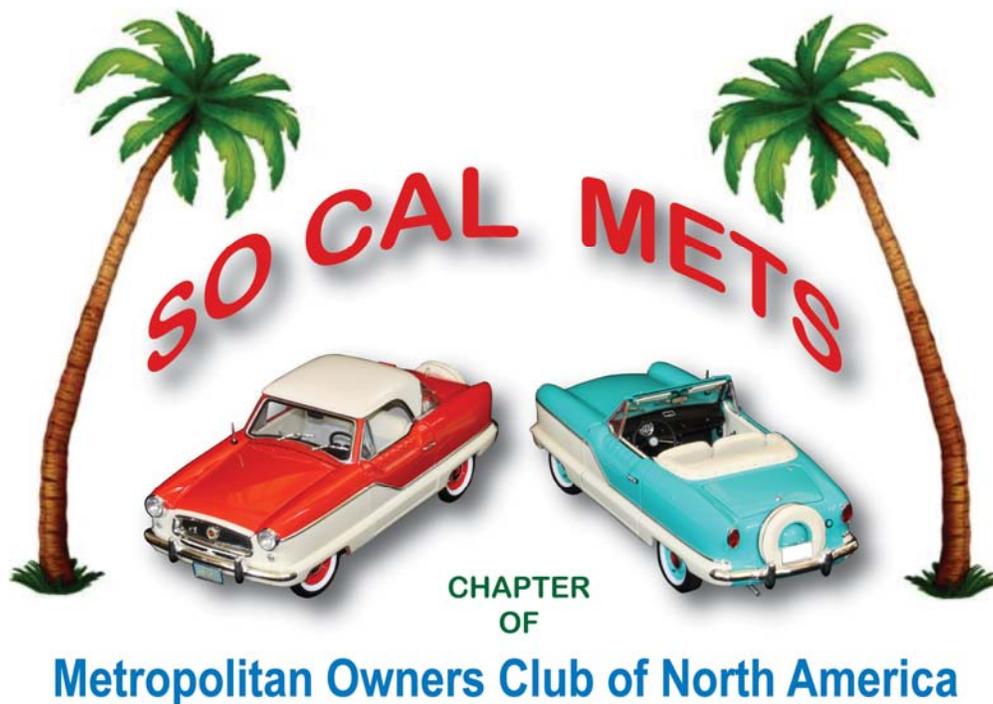
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On the beautiful afternoon of July 3rd Martyn Tourdot, Gwen Tolleson and Tony Bilotti from the So Cal Mets Club, decided to take a cruise around Old Town Fullerton, California. Martyn was given the lead because she knows Fullerton better than a GPS. So there we were, cruising up and down the little brick paved streets in old Fullerton that are lined with restaurants and pubs with outdoor sidewalk seating. As we drove along, people were actually standing up and applauding.

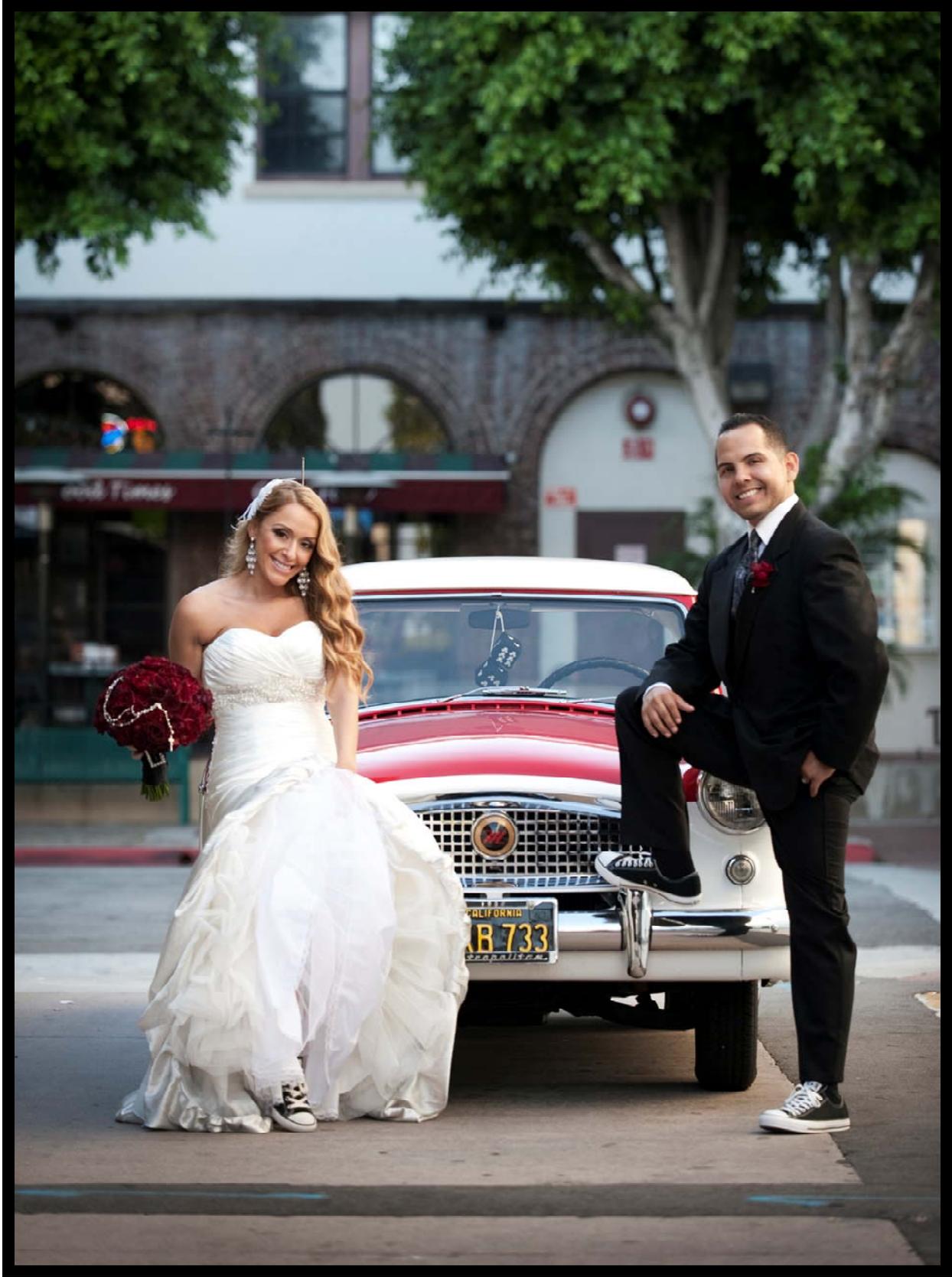
We found ourselves putting down a street and spotted a large wedding party being photographed. A man whistled at Martyn and waved her over. Gwen and Tony followed. Come to find out. A young couple, Vanessa and Chris had just been married and were heading to their reception. They wanted our cars in their wedding photos. We were more than happy to participate!

The entire wedding party was dressed in glamorous wedding clothes and black high top tennis shoes. It seemed so fitting for our cars to be there! The Bride and Groom posed inside Tony's red and white Met because it matched the flowers. The ushers and bridesmaids took over Martyn and Gwen's yellow and white Mets. The pictures came out great!

It's funny the stuff that happens to us Met owners when we take these little cars out. I've said it before... these cars are PEOPLE MAGNETS!

Tony Bilotti
Mocna 9884





Thanks to Art Director Wally Gonzales & photographer Ernie Olivares for sharing their talents and images. To newlyweds Mr. & Mrs. Christian Flores, congratulations.





Mets at the July 17th meeting at Gwen's.



After the meeting we cruised East and toured the historic "Bradford House" in Placentia





Neighborhood Picnic & Show



“Tranquil Malvern St in Fullerton was the scene of another friendly gathering on September 4. Martyn & Chuck Tourdot reserved a prominent spot for the Mets near their residence. Martyn wishes to thank those Met folks who drove the extra mile to attend. Namely Renee & Nick Anderson from Riverside and the Albarico’s from San Gabriel. The word is that Chucks chili was even better than last year! Adding to the convenience of cooking this year was the presence a master griller who grilled it for you.



Hats off to the neighboring Illini Mets and the Met Set of Wisconsin for producing a great International Met Meet!

Things were so organized you needed to continually check the Schedule of Events for fear of missing something! Steve Robertson did a super job of covering the meet in the Met Gazette. Here are some additional details.



Judy & I drove in from Chicago on July 28th arriving just in time for me to sit in on a great tech session. This excellent panel from left to right consisted of Gary Bosselman from Rosco, IL, John Riley from Dubuque, IA, Dale Carrington from Puyallup, WA, Bill Clark from Endicott, NY & Tim Clark from Council Bluffs, IA.



The one tip I came away with, was about transmission oil. It was suggested that Met transmission oil type should specify "synchromesh". For more insight from the panel check with Ronnie Bauman. He was there taking notes as usual!

Charles W. Nash Elementary School





This “Nash” school bus added a bit of whimsy to the school’s Open House & Ice Cream Social.



“Pitstop”?? No Met parts here. Just school stuff. Inside was ice cream and pizza.



Fifth grader Alexandra Finaldi poses with Donny Conn in the school library. Alexandra gave Judy & I a wonderful tour of her school. The school has over 700 students. Grades are from Kindergarten to fifth grade. Kindness, Respect, and Hard Work are the three virtues embraced at the school. We are certain that Alexandra will represent Americas next generation well!



Fish Fry





Kenosha History Center



At the car show July 30th, Barbie Bauman counted 53 Metropolitans on display. Later that day Judy & I discovered one more Met in town displayed at the Kenosha History Center. Thanks to Executive Director Tom Schleif for giving the Met a prominent spot in the city's very interesting History Center. Their web site address is: www.kenoshahistorycenter.org. The site had a You Tube link to an interesting video of the Mets at the show: "Nash Metropolitan Heaven".



United Airlines Pilot Ernie Obregon who drove his 1960 Met from the Bay area to Kenosha, braved the return trip solo. On the return leg he got as far as Winnemucca, Nevada before he lost all ground and air speed! Brian Cotariu says that he spent about 1.5 days trying to fix it but was unable to. He ended up renting a truck and trailer to tow it home. "Once we got a chance to look at it, it was determined that he had a broken coil wire, and only took 15 min. to fix after we found the problem."

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The deadline for payments for the Christmas Party is November 4th. \$27.00 each includes tax & tip. Please send to Gwen Tolleson, 1949 Smokewood Ave., Fullerton, CA., 714-525-8830



Left– Ronnie Bauman of So Cal Mets was the high bidder (\$250.00) for the personally autographed “BEEP BEEP” sign by Donny Conn. With the money intended for the Nash School, VP Brian Cotariu motioned that MOCNA round up the donation to \$1000. Motion passed!



Above- Meet your Met Gazette producer, editor etc, Steve Robertson from Lebanon, OH. Steve’s Met took 1st place in class E, 59-62 Hardtop.



Left– Meet your MOCNA Treasurer/ Membership Leader Betty Jacobson from Sun Prairie, WI.

Betty’s Met took 3rd place in class D, 56-58 Convertible.

Below– Newly installed MOCNA President Brad Swiggart presents Outgoing MOCNA President Wayne Metz with a Plaque for his outstanding service.



Left– Barry Mann aka Bruce Nash presents the the “Best Overall Newsletter” award to yours truly.



Coastal Tour



Our August outing started at Crevier Classic Cars in Costa Mesa. General Manager Jim Clark made us feel more than welcome. After admiring their great classics our Met caravan then departed South alongside the Newport back bay down to 17th street where we stopped for lunch at Café Panera.





Let it be said that finding your way through the maze of turns to board the Balboa Island Ferry from the Peninsula is a frustrating experience. However crossing from Balboa Island to the Peninsula is a much longer wait to get on the Ferry. Thus the directions called for us to drive out on the Peninsula, cross the harbor via the Ferry to the Island. Then drive across the Island, exit the bridge and just below Coast Highway wait for everyone to catch up.

That worked well for four of us but not for Ronnie Bauman. Unfortunately our caravan became separated by other cars entering in front of us. Those who had a navigator reading out the left/right directions were ok. Not Ronnie. He was flying solo. He needed Barbie there to talk him through the turns. Ultimately Ronnie made a right turn when he should have turned left. We lost track of him & he of us. When he called from his cell, I was unable to direct him to us not knowing for sure where he was. By then the traffic guy for the Ferry was on us and we had to board. Unable to find us Ronnie unfortunately threw in the towel and went back from whence he started.

I don't suppose we can blame the confusion on the hordes of bikini clad beauties crossing the street in front of us.....blocking our view of the signage...or perhaps approaching with a tanned smile and commenting like "We just LOVE your car". Our apologies Ronnie.

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Yes, They Float!

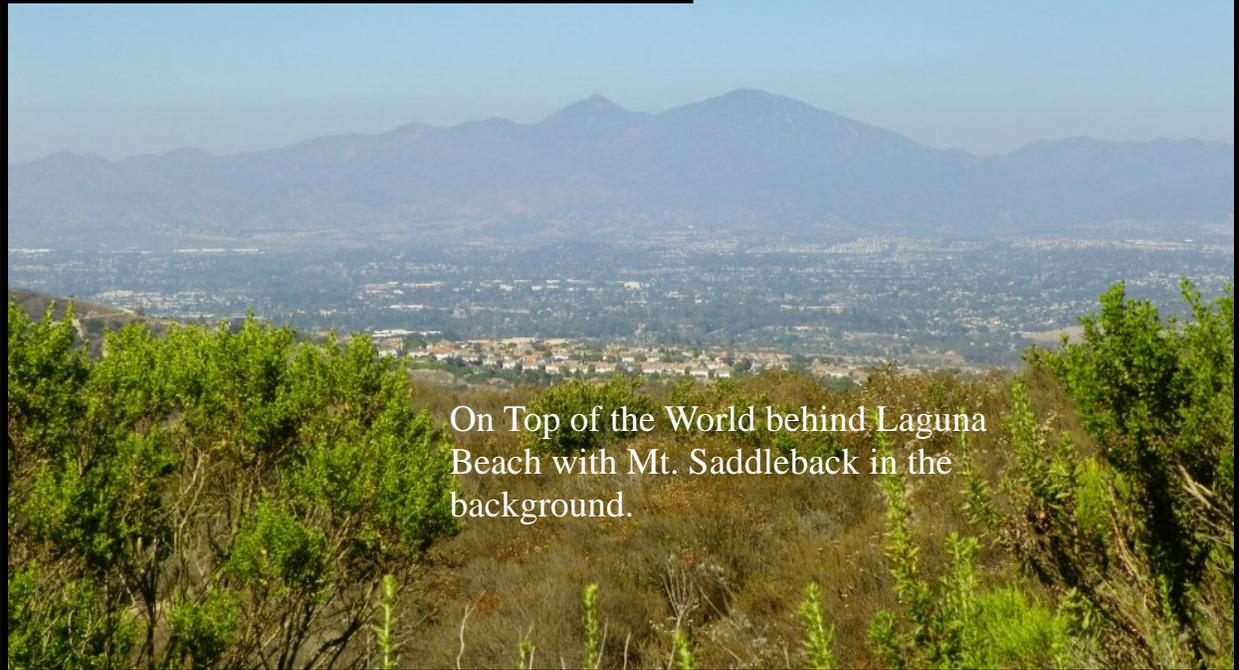


Of course not quite as good the Amphicar which people confuse the Met with, but our Mets floated nicely across the Newport Harbor on the Balboa Ferry! The ferry normally takes three regular cars but four Mets fit just fine!





High on the Newport Coast



On Top of the World behind Laguna Beach with Mt. Saddleback in the background.